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DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON FROM
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (NIXON, PRESIDENT)

SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT

REF: CAIRO 4320

FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY ASKED ME TO CALL THIS
EVENING (2200) TO HAND ME PRESIDENT SADAT'S REPLY TO
YOUR MESSAGE OF JUNE 15. TEXT, WHICH WAS SENT BY
PRESIDENT SADAT FORM ALEXANDRIA, FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

JUNE 16, 1974

DEAR PRESIDENT NIXON,

I RECEIVED YOUR KIND LETTER IN WHICH YOU EXPRESSED YOUR
FEELINGS TOWARDS ME AND THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE AFTER THE VISIT YOU,
AND THE DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING YOU, PAID TO MY COUNTRY.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, DEAR FRIEND, THAT THE
WELCOME WHICH THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE HAS EXTENDED TO YOU, AND
THROUGH YOU TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, REFLECTED ITS GENUINE DESIRE
TO ENTER INTO A NEW AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN
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PEOPLE WITH A VIEW TO WORK TOWARDS A BETTER WORLD IN WHICH

PEACE FOR ALL WOULD PREVAIL.

THE CONSTRUCTIVE FORCES OF GOOD MUST OVERCOME THE
DESTRUCTIVE ELEMENTS OF EVIL. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL PEOPLES IN THE
MIDDLE EAST SHOULD REGAIN THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS AS ESTABLISHED
BY INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ORDER.

THE TALKS WE HAVE HELD AND THE RESULTS WE ACHIEVED
HAVE INAUGURATED A NEW ERA OF COOPERATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES ON A BASIS THAT GUARANTEES ITS CONTINUITY AND RENDERS
IT A MODEL FOR RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS AT THIS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT
TURNINGPOINT IN HISTORY.

LET ME STATE THAT WE COULD NEVER HAVE ACHIEVED WHAT WE
DID HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE FACT THAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ENJOYED
THE PRIVILEGE OF HAVING FOR PRESIDENT AN EXPERIENCED STATES-
MAN WITH A VAST KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, A DEEP UNDER-
STANDING OF RELATIONS AMONG NATIONS AND AN ABILITY TO DEAL COURAGE-
OUSLY WITH THE REALITIES OF OUR AGE.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT MRS. EL SADAT AND
I HAVE IMMENSELY ENJOYED MEETING YOU AND MRS. NIXON AND THAT WE BOTH
ARE
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON.

WITH WARMEST GOOD WISHES

SINCERELY,

ANWAR EL SADAT

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FAHMY SAID GOE PLANS TO RELEASE THE
EXCHANGE BETWEEN YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT FOR
PUBLICATION IN TOMORROW'S CAIRO PRESS.

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